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Reversion of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in South Arcot district.

* 1282 Q.—SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars who have been reverted for want of vacancies from 1950 onwards in South Arcot district on account of the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive;

(b) how many of them were given appointments in the same grade in other departments in the district or in other districts;

(c) how many of them are still under reversion;

(d) the number of years of service as Tahsildars or Deputy Tahsildars put in by them at the time of their reversion; and

(e) whether the Government have any proposal to absorb those mentioned in clause (c) in any other department?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Seven and twenty-six respectively.

" (b) Four Deputy Tahsildars.

" (c) Seven Tahsildars and twenty-two Deputy Tahsildars.

" (d) The seniormost reverted Tahsilder has put in a service of 3½ years as Tahsildar and the seniormost reverted Deputy Tahsildar has put in a service of more than ten years in the cadre of Deputy Tahsildar. The majority of the reverted Deputy Tahsildars have put in services ranging from five to ten years in the cadre of Deputy Tahsildar.

" (e) Yes."

SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAI :—" Will the Government be pleased to absorb the remaining officers in the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department either as Executive Officers of big institutions or in other suitable posts? Will they also consider the desirability of absorbing some others in posts under the National Extension Service? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We are trying to absorb them in various other departments like the Labour Department. We shall tap the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department also, if possible."

Eligibility to become the President of the Marketing Federation in Coimbatore district.

* 1283 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the by-laws of the Marketing Federation of Coimbatore district, provide that only Nadars should be the Presidents of the Federation and not persons who own 'Thoppus'; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) There is no marketing federation in Coimbatore district. There is a jaggery marketing society at Kunnathur, Erode Circle. The by-laws of this society provide that only persons belonging to the tapper community and representatives of the Primary Jaggery Societies shall be eligible to become its members. So a person who owns ' Thoppu ' cannot become an individual member of the marketing society but he can become a member by getting himself elected as a delegate of any of the affiliated primaries to the marketing society. He will then be eligible for election as a President."

Construction of bridges over the ferries at Panamaram and Manantoddy in Wynaad taluk, Malabar.

* 1284 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to construct bridges over the ferries at Panamaram and Manantoddy in Wynaad taluk in Malabar?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Question No. 1306 may also be taken along with this question, Sir.

" The Government have already sanctioned the construction of a bridge over the Panamaram river at mile 10/2 of the Manantoddy-Panamaram road. The bridge over the Manantoddy river could not be sanctioned yet as the available resources are barely adequate for schemes already sanctioned."

Construction of bridges over Panamaram and Manantoddy rivers in Wynaad, North Malabar.

* 1306 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state why the construction of bridges over Panamaram and Manantoddy rivers in Wynaad, North Malabar, was not taken up last year, though provision was made in the budget for the work?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The bridge over the Panamaram river could not be taken up last year as the detailed estimate for the work was still under preparation. No provision has so far been made in the Budget for the Manantoddy bridge as it has not yet been sanctioned by the Government."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" A tender for the construction of the Panamaram bridge was offered this year and it was subsequently suspended. May I know if it was given afterwards? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It has been sanctioned this year."